

A Word of Thanks.....

Dear brothers, sisters,

"I thank my God, each time I think of you and when I pray, I pray with gladness." These are the words of St. Paul to his people in Philippians. (Phil: 1:3-4)

It is truly an honor; a privilege and I am truly joyful for having spent one year and eight months of priestly ministry in this community as your Pastor. I am so happy, humbled, honored, loved by this amazing communities. The communities of St Agnes Church, Iron River, St. Cecilia Church, Caspian and Immaculate Conception Church, Watersmeet remains unique and special. I am glad to have experienced that uniqueness and specialty of this communities. Whatever I have truly experienced here in these communities, cannot be reproduced, or reinvented elsewhere. You have been part of my ministry and my life as a priest. Thank you for everything that you have given, especially your prayers and support.

I would like to thank Rev. Deacon Terry Verville for collaborating with me in my ministry. It's a great help for me. My special thanks to my Secretary Kathy Saylor, Finance Council members, bookkeeper, housekeepers, Janitors, Sacristans, Organists, Choir members, Eucharistic ministers, Lectors, Altar servers, religious education team and each and every one who worked with me. May you continue to grow in faith, hope and love, worshiping the Lord with your whole heart, mind, body and soul and remember to do everything for the glory of God! I would also like to thank all the volunteers for all the service, sharing and love shown to me during my stay here. I would like to thank to Knight of Columbus team. I want to see you as great people doing great work for God.

Last but not least, I am not only sent on a mission by my Bishop, to my new assignment as a Priest Chaplain in a hospital, I am sent by you also. You are also part of this mission. What I have experienced, whatever inspired and unfolded in and through these faith communities, will inspire and help me to be open to a greater world and God.

My dear friends, I love you all and will surely miss you. "May the LORD keep watch between you and me when we are away from each other". God is good all the time; all the time God is good, the thing you need to remember is that you will always be a part of me, and I will always be a part of you. Made so many lifelong memories during my tenure and I will miss you. I do remember each and every one of you with so much love, appreciation, and gratitude from the bottom of my heart.

I would like to welcome Fr. Daniel Fosu our new Pastor, definitely he will do great and wishing him all the success.

I leave, with happy tears of thanks for having been among you. Please keep me in your prayers. I will keep you all in my prayers. Thank you and God bless you.

Goodbye to all of you! Keep in touch!!!

Yours in Christ

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